

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communication device comprising:

5 a phonebook configured to store a plurality of phonebook items, each phonebook item including identification information and a name of a communication party;

10 a communication history configured to store a plurality of communication history items, each communication history item including identification information and a name of a communication party;

a changing device configured to change a content of a first phonebook item; and

15 a control device configured to, if said changing device changes a content of the first phonebook item, change a content of a first communication history item corresponding to the first phonebook item in accordance with the changed content of the first phonebook item.

20 2. The communication device according to claim 1, wherein if a name in the first phonebook item is changed to a second name, said control device changes a name of a communication history item having the same identification information as the identification information of the first phonebook item to the second name.

25 3. The communication device according to claim 1, wherein if a second phonebook item including a second name and second identification is added to the

phonebook, said control device changes a name of  
a communication history item having the second  
identification information to the second name.

4. The communication device according to claim 1,  
5 wherein if identification information of the first  
phonebook item is changed to a second identification  
information, said control device deletes a name of  
a communication history item having the identification  
information of the first phonebook item.

10 5. The communication device according to claim 1,  
wherein if identification information of the first  
phonebook item is changed to a second identification  
information, said control device changes a name of  
a communication history item having the second  
15 identification information to a name of a phonebook  
item having the second identification information.

6. The communication device according to claim 1,  
wherein said phonebook item further includes a first  
flag indicating whether a communication history item  
20 relating to the communication party is stored in said  
communication history, and said control device  
determines based on the first flag whether the  
communication history item to be changed is stored in  
said communication history.

25 7. The communication device according to claim 6,  
which further comprises a deleting device configured to  
delete the least recent communication history item or

an unnecessary communication history item from said communication history, and wherein said communication history item further includes a second flag indicating whether a phonebook item relating to the communication party is stored in said phonebook, and said deleting device change the first flag relating to the phonebook item corresponding to a deleted communication history item based on the second flag relating to the deleted communication history item.

8. The communication device according to claim 1, wherein the identification information comprises a telephone number.

9. The communication device according to claim 1, wherein the identification information comprises an electronic mail address.

10. A telephone device comprising:

a phonebook configured to store telephone numbers and party names, each telephone number associating with each party name;

a detecting device configured to detect a telephone number associated with a call;

a call history configured to store the detected telephone number and the party name associated with the detected telephone number;

a changing device configured to change a content of the phonebook; and

a control device configured to, if said changing

device changes the content of the phonebook, change a content of the communication history in accordance with the changed content of the phonebook.

11. A telephone device comprising:

5 a phonebook configured to store telephone numbers and party names, each telephone number associating with each party name;

a detecting device configured to detect a telephone number associated with a call;

10 a call history configured to store the detected telephone number and the party name associated with the detected telephone number;

a changing device configured to change a first telephone number of the phonebook to a second telephone number; and

15 a control device configured to, if said changing device changes the first telephone number of the phonebook to the second telephone number, change a telephone number of the communication history  
20 associated with a party name associated with the first telephone number of the phonebook to the second telephone number.

12. An electronic mail device comprising:

a mail address book configured to store mail  
25 addresses and party names, each mail address associating with each party name;

a detecting device configured to detect a mail

address associated with an electronic mail;

a mail history configured to store the detected mail address and the party name associated with the detected mail address;

5 a changing device configured to change a content of the mail address book; and

a control device configured to, if said changing device changes the content of the mail address book, change a content of the mail history in accordance with the changed content of the mail address book.

13. An electronic mail device comprising:

a mail address book configured to store mail addresses and party names, each mail address associating with each party name;

15 a detecting device configured to detect a mail address associated with an electronic mail;

a call history configured to store the detected mail address and the party name associated with the detected mail address;

20 a changing device configured to change a first mail address of the mail address book to a second mail address; and

a control device configured to, if said changing device changes the first mail address of the mail address book to the second mail address, change a mail address of the mail history associated with a party name associated with the first mail address of the mail

address book to the second mail address.

14. A communication method comprising:

storing a plurality of phonebook items, each  
phonebook item including identification information and  
5 a name of a communication party;

storing a plurality of communication history  
items, each communication history item including  
identification information and a name of a  
communication party; and

10 changing, if a content of a first phonebook item  
is changed, a content of a first communication history  
item corresponding to the first phonebook item in  
accordance with the changed content of the first  
phonebook item.

15 15. The communication method according to  
claim 14, wherein if a name in the first phonebook item  
is changed to a second name, a name of a communication  
history item having the same identification information  
as the identification information of the first  
20 phonebook item is changed to the second name.

16. The communication method according to  
claim 14, wherein if a second phonebook item including  
a second name and second identification is added to  
the phonebook, a name of a communication history item  
25 having the second identification information is changed  
to the second name.

17. The communication method according to

claim 14, wherein if identification information of  
the first phonebook item is changed to a second  
identification information, a name of a communication  
history item having the identification information of  
5 the first phonebook item is deleted.

18. The communication method according to  
claim 14, wherein if identification information of  
the first phonebook item is changed to a second  
identification information, a name of a communication  
10 history item having the second identification  
information is changed to a name of a phonebook item  
having the second identification information.

19. The communication method according to  
claim 14, wherein said phonebook item further includes  
15 a first flag indicating whether a communication history  
item relating to the communication party is stored in  
said communication history, and it is determined based  
on the first flag whether the communication history  
item to be changed is stored in said communication  
20 history.

20. The communication method according to  
claim 19, which further comprises deleting the least  
recent communication history item or an unnecessary  
communication history item from said communication  
25 history, and wherein said communication history item  
further includes a second flag indicating whether a  
phonebook item relating to the communication party is

stored in said phonebook, and the first flag relating to the phonebook item corresponding is changed to a deleted communication history item based on the second flag relating to the deleted communication history item.

21. The communication method according to claim 14, wherein the identification information comprises a telephone number.

22. The communication method according to claim 14, wherein the identification information comprises an electronic mail address.

23. A communication method comprising:

storing telephone numbers and party names, each telephone number associating with each party name;

detecting a telephone number associated with a call;

storing the detected telephone number and the party name associated with the detected telephone number; and

changing, if a content of the phonebook is changed, a content of the communication history in accordance with the changed content of the phonebook.

24. A communication method comprising:

storing telephone numbers and party names, each telephone number associating with each party name;

detecting a telephone number associated with a call;



storing the detected telephone number and the party name associated with the detected telephone number; and

5 changing, if a first telephone number of the phonebook is changed to the second telephone number, a telephone number of the communication history associated with a party name associated with the first telephone number of the phonebook to the second telephone number.

10 25. A communication method comprising:

storing mail addresses and party names, each mail address associating with each party name;

detecting a mail address associated with an electronic mail;

15 storing the detected mail address and the party name associated with the detected mail address; and

changing, if a content of the mail address book is changed, a content of the mail history in accordance with the changed content of the mail address book.

20 26. A communication method comprising:

storing mail addresses and party names, each mail address associating with each party name;

detecting a mail address associated with an electronic mail;

25 storing the detected mail address and the party name associated with the detected mail address; and changing, if a first mail address of the mail

address book is changed to the second mail address,  
a mail address of the mail history associated with  
a party name associated with the first mail address of  
the mail address book to the second mail address.